

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY

Thank you for your interest in a nomination to a United States Service Academy. I appreciate you contacting our office with regard to your interest. I would like to share some additional information with you regarding the application and interview process.

In order to be considered for an appointment to a Service Academy, you must have a nomination from an authorized nominating source. Title 10, U.S. Code establishes two nomination categories. The first, usually referred to as a “congressional nomination”, includes the nomination of the Vice-President and Members of Congress. The second, referred to as “service-connected” or “military-affiliated” nominations, includes the selections of the President and nominations of the appropriate service (e.g., Secretary of the Army for nominations to the U.S. Military Academy).

In order for my office to consider you for a congressional nomination, it is required that you meet all of the general requirements of your academy or academies of choice, and that you complete an application package. An application package is enclosed.

In addition to completing the application package, it is highly recommended that you contact the academy or academies of your choice to initiate a pre-candidate file. In some cases this is possible through the academy websites.

Your completed application package must be received in my Valdosta District Office no later than November 1. Once your application package is received, it will be evaluated to determine if you qualify for an interview. Only those applicants who meet all of the requirements set forth by the academies will be selected for the interview process. If you qualify for the interview process, you will be notified in writing of the time and place of your interview.

My Service Academy Selection Committee will conduct interviews in early December. The nomination process is completed by the end of December, at which time you will be notified if your name is among those being nominated.

Thank you again for your interest. Please review the enclosed application package. If you have any specific questions, please call Rusty Wetherington in our Valdosta District Office at 229-247-9705.

Sincerely,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

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General Qualifications Required for Nomination:

- Citizenship: U.S. Citizen
- Residency: You must be a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia.
- Age: You must be 17, but not yet past your 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year admitted.
- Marital Status or Dependency: You must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children.
- Academic: An above average high school or college academic record, and strong performance on the SAT or ACT examinations.
- Must be able to pass academy physical requirements and DoDMERB medical examination.
- Must be of strong moral character.

Application Package Instructions

Your application file must be completed and received in our Valdosta district office by November 1, 2005 and must include the following items:

1. Application Form

Please be thorough, neat and complete. Be sure to indicate your first choice of academy. If you have an interest in more than one academy, include them in order of preference. All information requested on the application is required in order for you to be considered for a nomination. Your application must be signed and dated.

2. High School Transcripts

You must include an official transcript of your high school records. This transcript should be the most recent available, and should show your final grades from your junior year, your current grade point average and your numerical class rank. If you have graduated from high school and are currently attending college or preparatory school, please provide official transcripts from these institutions as well.

3. College Board Test Scores

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Test (ACT) are essentially the entrance exams for the service academies. A set of these scores must be received in our Valdosta district office by the November 1, 2005 application deadline. You must have taken one of these tests in order to be considered for a nomination.

4. Letters of Recommendation

You are required to submit no less than three and no more than five letters of recommendation. These letters should be from people who know you personally and can describe your capabilities and strengths. At least one letter must be from a non-school source.

5. Essays

You are required to write two short handwritten essays. Each essay should be one page in length and be on the following topics:

1. "Why I want a career as a U.S. military officer."
2. "A Cadet/Midshipman will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."
Explain how this honor code applies to you and your career as an officer.

6. Photograph

Please include a recent photograph, no larger than 3 x 5 inches with your application package.

7. Extracurricular Activities List

Please include a list of any extracurricular activities you have been involved with during high school.

Send All Requested Information To:

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Academy Nominations
401 N. Patterson Street, Room 255
Valdosta, GA 31601

229-247-9705 phone
229-241-1035 fax

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY NOVEMBER 1, 2005 FOR YOU TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THAT IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

Application for Nomination to a
United States Service Academy

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Selection of Academy

(With #1 being your first choice, list your preferences in numerical order.)

_____ United States Air Force Academy
_____ United States Merchant Marine Academy
_____ United States Military Academy
_____ United States Naval Academy

Full Name: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Congressional District: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Birth Place: _____ Birth Date: _____

Present Address and
phone number if
different from above _____

Full name and occupation of both parents (or guardian):

Father: _____

Mother: _____

High School attended: _____

High School phone number: (____) _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Have you applied through other sources? Please check all that apply:

Senator Isakson
Senator Chambliss
Service Related
_____ Other

Acknowledgement:

In signing this application, I request that Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. consider my application for a Congressional nomination to one or more of the United States Service Academies. I understand and accept that the deadline for completed applications and all requested materials is November 1, 2005. I hereby state that I am a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____